



**Minutes for Meeting of
Thursday, August 12, 2004**

Item-1: Call to Order

Vice Chairwoman Dorothy Leonard called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Item-2: Roll Call

Present –Vice Chairwoman Dorothy Leonard, Commissioners Charles H. Dick, Jr., Karen Thomas-Stefano, Gregory Vega and Larry S. Westfall.

Staff – Executive Director Stacey Fulhorst, Deputy City Attorney Dave James, Legal Assistant Steve Ross, Senior Investigator Lauri Davis, and Executive Secretary Janet MacFarlane.

Excused - Chairwoman Dorothy Smith, Commissioner April Riel.

Item-3: Reporting Results of Closed Session

Vice Chairwoman Leonard reported the results of the Closed Session meeting of July 22, 2004.

Item I: Conference with Legal Council (20 Potential Matters)

Case Nos. 2004-42 in re: Alleged Failure to Properly File Campaign Statement

Motion: Dismiss
Moved/Seconded: Riel/Leonard
Vote: Unanimous

Case No. 2004-03 - In re: Aida Mancillas – Failure to File Financial Disclosure Report

Motion: Approve Stipulated Agreement
Moved/Seconded: Riel/Leonard
Vote: Unanimous

Case No. 2004-23 – In re: Alleged Failure to File Financial Disclosure Report

Status report. No action.

Case No. 2004-18 – In re: Charles Ambers, Jr. - Alleged Failure to File Financial Disclosure Report

Motion: Ordered a Probable Cause Hearing and authorized the issuance of a Probable Cause Report and Draft Administrative Complaint. Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, October, 12, 2004.
Moved/Seconded: Stefano/Leonard
Vote: Unanimous.

Case Nos. 2004-21, 26, 28 thru 30, and Case Nos. 2004-32 thru 2004-40 – In re: Alleged Failure to File Financial Disclosure Reports

Motion: Dismiss
Moved/Seconded: Westfall/Riel
Vote: Unanimous

Item-4: Approval of Commission Minutes

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2004.

Motion: Approve
Moved/Seconded: Vega/Dick
Vote: Unanimous
Excused: Riel, Smith

Item-5: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None.

Item-6: Commissioner Comment

None.

Item-7: Executive Director Comment

Executive Director Fulhorst reported on the results of the City Council's meeting of August 2, 2004, on the proposed ECCO amendments. She explained the majority of the amendments will go into effect January 1, 2005, with the exception of three provisions regarding trust accounts, mass mailings, and telephone communications. The three provisions will go into effect 30 days after the second reading of the ordinance scheduled for September 7, 2004.

Further, Ms. Fulhorst explained one of the council members asked the Commission to reexamine the provisions related to the disposition of surplus campaign funds and transfers.

Item-8: Deputy City Attorney Comment

None.

Item-9: Adoption of Commission Calendar for 2005.

Motion: Approve Legislative Calendar

Moved/Seconded: Dick/Stefano

Vote: Unanimous

Excused: Riel, Smith

Item-10: Adjournment to Closed Session

Vice Chairwoman Dorothy Leonard adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at approximately 5:10 p.m. She stated if the Commission took any action that must be reported pursuant to the Brown Act, the Commission would reconvene into Open Session to report on that action.

Reconvene to Open Session

The Commission reconvened to Open Session at approximately 6:10 p.m.

Vice Chairwoman Leonard reported the following:

1. The Commission approved a Stipulation, Decision and Order with Charles Ambers, Jr., in final Settlement of Case No. 2004-18 concerning the failure to timely file a Statement of Economic Interest. Copies of the Stipulation are available to the public.
2. The Commission ordered a Probable Cause Hearing and authorized the issuance of a Probable Cause Report and Draft Administrative Complaint in Case No. 2004-23, regarding the alleged failure to file a Statement of Economic Interest.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Dorothy Leonard, Vice Chairwoman
Ethics Commission

Janet MacFarlane, Executive Secretary
Ethics Commission

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